



Austro-Hungarian  
Orders, Medals and Decorations  
Volume II: Pre-1848 Awards  
Part V, 1780-1790



by

Richard R. Lussier, Dr.P.H.





## Table of Contents

### Volume II, Pre-1848 Awards, Part I (1408-1621)

<b>Introduction to Volume II .....</b>	5
Order of the Dragon .....	6
<b>Introduction to the Pre-1740 Habsburg awards and Archduke Ferdinand to Tyrol Golden Grace Medal, 1556.....</b>	9
Archduke Ferdinand of Tyrol Golden Grace Medal 1562.....	10
Emperor Maximilian II Golden Grace Medal, 156.....	11
Honor Medallion for the Inner Austrian Assembly,.....	12
Emperor Rudolph II Golden Grace Medal (round), 1585.....	13
Emperor Rudolph II Golden Grace Medal (oval), 1585.....	14
Corinthian Honor Medal, 1597.....	15
Margraves Award Medal, 1606 .....	16
Archduke Charles von Habsburg Medal, 1621.....	17
Archduke Maximillian von Habsburg Medal, 1621.....	18
Archduke Charles von Habsburg Medal, 1621.....	19

### Volume II, Pre-1848 Awards, Part II (1635-1740)

Emperor Ferdinand II Golden Honor Medal, 1635.....	5
Emperor Ferdinand III Golden Honor Medal, 1650.....	7
Emperor Ferdinand III Copper Honor Medal, 1650.....	8
Emperor Leopold I Golden Honor Medal (round), 1700.....	9
Emperor Leopold I Golden Honor Medal (oval), 1700.....	10
Emperor Joseph I Golden Honor Medal (round), 1705.....	11
Emperor Joseph I Golden Honor Medal (Oval), 1706.....	12
Emperor Karl VI Honor Medal, 1711-14.....	13

### Volume II, Pre-1848 Awards, Part III, (1740-1766)

<b>1740 –1766 and 1740-1745 Introduction.....</b>	5
Maria Theresia Honor Medal (oval), 1740-1754.....	6
Maria Theresia Bohemian Honor Medal, 1743.....	8
Franz I Honor Medal in gold, 1745-1765 .....	9
Maria Theresia Honor Medal (round), 1754-1765.....	11
<b>1745-1765 introduction.....</b>	13





## Table of Contents

### **Volume II, Pre-1848 Awards, Part III, (1740-1766) (Continued)**

Franz I Honor Medal, 1745-1765 .....	14
Peace of Aachen Commemoration Medal, 1748 .....	15
Commemoration Medal for the Construction of the Military Invalids Hospital in Vienna, 1750 .....	16
Hungarian Homage Medal, 1751 .....	18
Joseph II Honor Medal, 1764-1766 .....	19
Maria Theresia Honor Medal, 1765-1780 .....	21
<b>1766-1780 Introduction</b> .....	1

### **Volume II, Pre-1848 Awards, Part IV, (1766-1780)**

<b>1766-1780 introduction</b> .....	5
Joseph II Honor Medal, 1766-1780 .....	6
Reward Medal for Combatant Troops Marksman, 1769.....	8

### **Volume II, Pre-1848 Awards, Part V, (1780-1790)**

<b>1780-1790 Introduction</b> .....	5
Joseph II Honor Medal 1780-1790 .....	6
Decoration for Royal and Imperial Military Doctors and Regimental Surgeons 1785-1790 .....	12
Medal for the Founding of the Emperor Joseph Medical Academy1785-1790 .....	15
Joseph II Honor Medal 1780-1790 .....	16

### **Volume II, Pre-1848 Awards, Part VI, (1790-1792)**

<b>1790-1792 Introduction</b> .....	5
Limburg Volunteers Medal 1790,1792,1793 .....	6
Emperor Leopold II Silver Military Merit Medal for the Netherlands 1790-1793 .....	8
Leopold II Imperial Honor Medal.....	9
Emperor Leopold II Austrian Honor Medal.....	11
Leopold II Imperial Coronation Medal 1790 .....	13
Golden Flag Medal for the Latour Dragoon Medal 1791 .....	15

### **Volume II, Pre-1848 Awards, Part VII, (1792-1796)**

<b>1792-1804 Introduction</b> .....	5
Commemoration Medal for Veterans of the Netherlands Provence, 1792-1794.....	6
Emperor Franz II Honor and Merit Medal 1792.....	8





## Table of Contents

Honor Medal 1792-1805 .....	14
Dutch Volunteers Commemoration Medal, 1793 .....	16
Neerwinden Medal, 1793 .....	17
Dutch Volunteers Commemoration Medal, 1794 .....	18
Olmutz Military Medal 1796 .....	19
Tyrolean Commemoration and Merit Medal, 1796 .....	21
Tyrolean Commemoration and Merit Medal 1797 .....	23
Military Merit Medal for the Lower Austrian Mobilization 1797 .....	25
Honor Medal for British Cavalry, 1798 .....	28
West Galicia Commemoration medal, 1896 .....	31
Commemoration and Merit Medal for Dalmatians, 1801 .....	33
Ecclesiastic Merit Cross, 1801-1859, 1880.....	35
<b>Volume II, Pre-1848 Awards, Part VIII, (1804-1835)</b>	
<b>1804-1835 Introduction .....</b>	5
Commemoration Medal for the Officers of the Prague Encampment, 1804.....	6
Honor Medal, 1805-1809 .....	11
Civil Honor Medal, 1807-1835.....	14
Veterans Service Insignia , 1807-1849 .....	17
Bravery Medal, 1809-1839.....	19
Tyrol and Vorarlberg Defenders Medal, 1809 .....	21
Army Cross (Cannon Cross), 1814-1815 .....	22
Civil Honor Cross, 1813-1814.....	28
Bohemian Nobles Cross, 1814 .....	38
Merit Medal for military Physicians and Surgeons.....	42
<b>Volume II, Pre-1848 Awards, Part IX, (1835-1848)</b>	
<b>1835-1848 Introduction .....</b>	5
Civil Merit Medal, 1835-1848 .....	6
Tyrolean Homage Medal, 1838 .....	8
Bravery Medal, 1839-1849 .....	10
Commemoration Medal for the First Imperial Free Shoot in Bregenz 1847.....	14





## Introduction

This section will cover the awards issued from 1780 to 1790. During this time Austria was ruled by Joseph II who was the Holy Roman Emperor, Archduke of Austria and King of Hungary. This document will only concern itself with awards that were granted to reward military accomplishments or services rendered in support of the empire that were of a military nature.





## Joseph II Honor Medal

(Joseph II Gnadenmedaille, Virtute Et Exemplo)



**Type I medal**

Image attributed to Reference Catalogue Orders, medals  
and decorations of the World, A-D, Borna Barac

**Date Issued:** 1780-1790

**Reason Issued:** Awarded to commanders of the imperial army and to all other persons who had performed with special merit

**Classes or Types:** There are five types of these medals

- Type I is known in four classes
  - Gold Honor Medal
  - Small Gold Honor Medal
  - Silver Honor Medal
  - Small Silver Honor Medal
- Type II is known in four classes
  - Gold Honor Medal
  - Small Gold honor medal
  - Silver Honor Medal
  - Small Silver Honor Medal
- Type III is known in Three classes
  - Gold Honor Medal
  - Silver Honor Medal
  - Small Silver Honor Medal
- Type IV is known in four classes
  - Gold Honor Medal =
  - Small Gold Honor Medal
  - Silver Honor Medal
  - Small Silver Honor Medal
- Type V is known in five classes
  - Gold Honor Medal
  - Small Gold Honor Medal
  - Silver Honor Medal first class
  - Silver Honor Medal second class
  - Silver Honor Medal Third class



Type I Silver Honor Medal with  
unusual suspension, possibly added





## Joseph II Honor Medal

(Joseph II Gnadenmedaille, Virtute Et Exemplo)



**Type I Medal**

Image attributed to Reference Catalogue Orders, medals and decorations of the World, A-D, Borna Barac

### Interesting Facts:

- This was the third version of this medal to be issued
- The word Gnaden (Grace) as used in the name of this medal had a different meaning when it was issued than it does today. Thus “grace” should be interpreted as “honor” therefore the title in today’s terminology would be the Imperious Joseph II Honor Medal
- From 1764 when this decoration was established until 1790 when it was discontinued the 14 variations of the award were issued. The period during which this decoration was issued covered the period from 1764-1765 when Joseph II was the Roman King, 1765-1780 when Joseph II served as Emperor and Co-Regent and 1780-1790 when he was Emperor and ruled Austria
- This medal was issued as a wearable medal with a suspension ring and as a table medal.
- Bronze medals are copies that were made for the collectors trade

**Hallmarks:** None Known

**Design:** A round medal with a flat attached suspension eye at the top.

**Obverse:** A youthful bust of Joseph II, facing to the right. He is portrayed with long flowing hair in which is a laurel wreath near the temples. He is dressed in armor and wears the chain of the Order of the Golden Fleece. Paralleling the rim around the upper two-thirds of the medal is the inscription: **JOSEPHVS II.** **D.G . ROM. REX. S.A.GERM.REX.HVNG.BOH.& C.PRIN.HERED.A.A.&C.** near the lower edge of the medal is the signature of the medalist: A. WIDEMAN

**Reverse:** The eye of God (a triangle with eye surrounded by a wreath of rays) overlooking a globe surrounded by clouds. Superimposed on the globe are a sword and a spade (some experts say a rudder) which are crossed. Both are interwoven with boughs of oak and laurel.

Along the top margin of the medal, above the eye of God is the inscription: **VIRTVTE ET EXEMPLIO** (by virtue and example).

**Weight:**

**Type I**

Gold Honor Medal = 84 grams or 24 Ducats

Small Gold Honor Medal = Unknown

Silver Honor Medal = 54 grams

Small Silver Honor Medal = 35 grams



**Reverse Type II and V**





## Joseph II Honor Medal

(Joseph II Gnadenmedaille, Virtute Et Exemplo)



**Type III Medal**

**Weight (continued):**

- **Type II**

Gold Honor Medal = Unknown  
Small Gold Honor Medal = Unknown  
Silver Honor Medal = Unknown  
Small Silver Honor Medal = 35 grams

- **Type III**

Gold Honor Medal = 84 grams or 24 Ducats  
Silver Honor Medal = 54 grams  
Small silver Honor Medal = 35 grams

- **Type IV**

Gold Honor Medal = 84 grams or 24 Ducats  
Small Gold Honor Medal = Unknown  
Silver Honor Medal = 54 grams  
Small Silver Honor Medal = 35 grams

**Type V**

Gold Honor Medal = 84-140 grams or 24-40 Ducats  
Small Gold Honor Medal = Unknown  
Silver Honor Medal first class = 54 grams  
Silver Honor Medal second class = 35-40 grams  
Silver Honor Medal Third class = 17 grams

**Size:**

- **Type I**

Gold Honor Medal = 45-50 mm in diameter  
Small Gold Honor Medal = 46 mm in diameter  
Silver Honor Medal = 45-50 mm in diameter  
Small Silver Honor Medal = 46 mm in diameter





## Joseph II Honor Medal

(Joseph II Gnadenmedaille, Virtute Et Exemplo)



**Type I Medal**

**Size (Continued):**

Image attributed to Reference Catalogue Orders, medals and decorations of the World, A-D, Borna Barac

- **Type II**

Gold Honor Medal = 40.5-46 mm in diameter  
Small Gold Honor Medal = 33 mm in diameter  
Silver Honor Medal = 40.5-46 mm in diameter  
Small Silver Honor Medal = 33 mm in diameter

- **Type III**

Gold Honor Medal = 46-50 mm in diameter  
Large Silver Honor Medal = 46-50 mm in diameter  
Silver Honor Medal = 33 mm

- **Type IV**

Gold Honor Medal = 50 mm in diameter  
Small Gold Honor Medal = 46 mm in diameter  
Silver Honor Medal = 50 mm in diameter  
Small Silver Honor Medal = 33 mm in diameter

- **Type V**

Gold Honor Medal = 50 – 60 mm in diameter  
Small Gold Honor Medal = 39 mm in diameter  
Silver Honor Medal first class = 50 mm in diameter  
Silver Honor Medal second class = 46 mm in diameter  
Silver Honor Medal Third class = 39 mm in diameter

**Type of Material:** Gold and silver

**Variations:**

- **Type I medal** as described above
- **Type II medal** as described above except the obverse inscription reads: **JOSEPH II.D.G.R.IMP.G.ET H.REX.COR.ET HERES RH.B.A.A.D.B. ET L.M.D.H & C.& C**





## Joseph II Honor Medal

(Joseph II Gnadenmedaille, Virtute Et Exemplo)



**Type III Medal**

**Variations:**

- **Type III medal:** as described above except the obverse image is of the emperor wearing a toga clasped at the shoulder with a broach. The inscription reads: **IOS.II.D.G.R.IMP.G.ET.H.REX COR.ET HERES R.H.B.A.A.D.B.ET L.M.D.H & C.** near the lower edge of the medal is the signature of the medalist: F.K.Wurth F. On the reverse of this type medal near the bottom rim on either side of the clouds is found the letters **E** and **IV**.
- **Type IV medal:** The same as described above except the obverse is inscribed **IOS II. D. G. R. I MP. S.A.GER.HVN.BOH.REX.A.A.BVR.LOT.D** Below the bust on some of these medals appears the makers mark C. VINAZE.F. on the silver medals and C.Wirt.F. on the gold medals
- **Type V medal:** A youthful bust of Joseph II, facing to the right. He is portrayed with long flowing hair in which is a laurel wreath near the temples. He is portrayed with bare shoulders. Paralleling the rim around the upper half of the medal is the inscription: **IOSEPHVS II . AVGVSTVS**. Near the lower edge of the medal is the signature of the medalist: I. N. Wirt F. The reverse of this type medal is the same as the Type III medal.



**Type V Medal**





## Joseph II Honor Medal

(Joseph II Gnadenmedaille, Virtute Et Exemplo)



**Type V Large Silver Medal**

**Designer:**

- **Type I medals** = Anton Wideman
- **Type II Medals** = Anton Wideman
- **Type III Medals**

Gold Medals = Franz Xaver Wurth  
Silver medals = Christian Vinazer

- **Type IV Medals**

Gold Medals = Johann Nepomuk Wirt  
Silver medals = Christian Vinazer

- **Type V Medals** = Johann Nepomuk Wirt

**Manufacturer:** The Imperial Mint in Vienna (Hauptmunzamt Wien)

**Number Issued:** Unknown

**Case:** Unknown

**Ribbon:**

- The gold medals were often issued on a gold chain
  - a 39 – 40 mm wide strait scarlet ribbon



**Attachments:** None

**Miniature:** None known





## Merit Medal for Royal and Imperial Military Doctors and Regimental Surgeons (Verdienstmedaille für K.K. Militärarzte und Regimentschirurgen)



**Date Issued:** 1785-1790

**Reason Issued:** As a reward for meritorious service by military physicians and regimental surgeons who had distinguished themselves by their special proficiency and devotion in their respective professions. The award was created on the occasion of the founding of the Emperor Joseph Medical Academy in Vienna in 1785.

**Classes or Types:** Three

- Large Silver Physicians and Surgeons Medal
- Silver Physicians and Surgeons Medal
- Small Silver Physicians and Surgeons Medal

**Interesting Facts:** The eyes on the medals vary with the large medal having a large flat eye; the Silver Medal having a fleur-de-lis shaped eye and the small medal a serrated wedge shaped eye.

**Hallmarks:** None Known

**Design:** A round medal with a raised rim and an attached suspension eye at the top.

**Obverse:** For the large silver and silver medal a youthful bare shouldered bust of Joseph II, facing to the viewer's right. He is depicted with long flowing hair in which is a laurel wreath. Paralleling the rim around the upper half of the medal is the inscription: **JOSEPHVS II. AVGVSTVS** (Joseph II Emperor). Near the lower edge of the medal is the signature of the medalist: I. N. Wurt F. (The F stands for Fabrikat: fabricated). For the small silver medal as described above except the visage of the emperor's image is slightly different and near the lower edge is 'DONNER' (Ignaz Donner)





**Merit Medal for Royal and Imperial Military Doctors and Regimental Surgeons**  
(Verdienstmedaille für K.K. Militärarzte und Regimentschirurgen)



**Small Silver Decoration for Royal and Imperial Military Doctors and Regimental Surgeons**

**Reverse:**

- Large Silver and Silver Medal: The reverse of the medal is plain except for an inscription which reads in five lines: **BENE MERENTIBVS/DE/ARTE MEDICO CHIRVR-/GICA/PRAEMIVM**, (Awarded for Outstanding Service in the Medical and Surgical Arts)
- Small Silver medal: The reverse of the medal is plain except for an inscription which reads in four lines: **ACADEMIA /MEDICO/ CHIRVRGICA /MILITARIŚ** (Medial Surgical Military Academy).



**Weight:**

- Large Silver Medal = 113 grams
- Silver Medal = 45 grams
  - Small Silver Medal = 14 grams





**Merit Medal for Royal and Imperial Military Doctors and Regimental Surgeons**  
(Verdienstmedaille für K.K. Militärarzte und Regimentschirurgen)



**Size:**

- Large Silver Medal = 50-51 mm in diameter and 5 mm thick
- Silver Medal = 43 mm in diameter
- Small Silver Medal = 35 mm in diameter

**Type of Material:** Silver

**Variations:**

- Type I Large Silver medal as described above
- Type II Large Silver medal as described above but the reverse inscription is in six lines as follows: **BENE MERENTIBVS/DE ARTE.MED.CHIRVRG/PROEMIVM INSTITVIT./FR.ANTON.BRENDEL./ CHIRVRG.MILIT./MDCCCLXXXV.**

**Designer:**

- Large silver and Silver Medal: Johann Nepomuk Wirth
- Small silver Meal: Ignaz Donner

**Manufacturer:** Unknown

**Number Issued:** Unknown

**Case:** Unknown

**Ribbon:** A 43 mm wide lemon yellow ribbon with 10 mm black edge stripes

**Attachments:** None

**Miniature:** None known





**Medal for the Founding of the Emperor Joseph Medical Academy**  
(Medaille für die Gründung der Kaiser Joseph Medizinischen Akademie)



**Date Issued:** 1785

**Reason Issued:** To commemorate the founding of the Emperor Joseph Medical Academy in Vienna in 1785.

**Classes or Types:** Two

- Gold Medal
- Silver Medal

**Interesting Facts:** None Known

**Hallmarks:** None Known

**Design:** A round medal with a raised rim and an attached stylized suspension eye at the top.

**Obverse:** A youthful bare shouldered bust of Joseph II, facing to the viewers right. He is depicted with long flowing hair in which is a laurel wreath near the temples. Paralleling the rim around the upper half of the medal is the inscription: **JOSEPHVS II. AVGVSTVS**. Near the lower edge of the medal is the signature of the medalist: Ignaz Donner.

**Reverse:** A depiction of the academy building with the following inscription paralleling the rim around the upper half of the medal: **CVRANDIS MILITVM MORBIS ET VVINERIBVS**. Beneath the image of the academy building is the following inscription in three lines: **ACADEMIA MEDICO CHIRVRGICA/ IN- STITVTA VIENNAE/ MDCCCLXXXV**.

**Weight:** Unknown

**Size:** 60 mm in diameter

**Type of Material:** Gold and silver

**Variations:** None Known

**Designer:** Ignaz Donner

**Manufacturer:** Ignaz Donner

**Number Issued:** Unknown

**Case:** Unknown

**Ribbon:** None, the medal was worn on a gold or silver chain

**Attachments:** None

**Miniature:** None known





## Honor Medal (Ehren Medaille)



**Date Issued:** July 19, 1789 - 1791

**Reason Issued:** As a reward for Acts of bravery or gallantry in time of war by non-commissioned officers and soldiers who were not otherwise eligible for the Order of Maria Theresia

**Classes or Types:** Two

- Gold Bravery Medal
- Silver Bravery Medal

**Interesting Facts:**

- The creation of this award was suggested by Field Marshal, Count Laudon.
- This is the oldest Austrian valor insignia specifically for non-commissioned officers and enlisted men.
- This decoration was often referred to in the Austrian Army as the soldiers Maria Theresia Order.
- The first issue of these decorations was for those who served in the war with Turkey from 1788 - 1791.
- Soldiers could receive both the silver and gold medals if they were awarded consecutively
- This decoration was sometimes called the Ehren Medal (Honor Medal) and sometimes the Denkmunze fur Tapferkeit (Commemorative for Bravery)
- From 1789 to 1918 there were 30 different versions of the bravery medal. These are versions 1 and 2
- This decoration in all of its variations was, up to the issuance of the Karl Troop Cross in 1916 the most issued armed forces decoration.

**Hallmarks:** None Known

**Design:** A round medal with an attached round flat suspension eye at the top through which the suspension ribbon passed.

**Obverse:** A youthful bust of Joseph II, facing to the right. He is portrayed with long flowing hair in which is a laurel wreath near the temples. Paralleling the rim around the upper half of the medal is the inscription:

**JOSEPH.II..** Near the lower edge of the medal is the signature of the medalist: I. N. WIRT F. (The F stands for fabrikat ,(fabricated)

**Reverse:** The reverse of the medal has four crossed flags and two crossed standards at the bottom. The two front flags can be seen through the leaves of the laurel wreath and appear to have the Austrian Coat of Arms (the barred shield), with an archdukes hat above it, the latter is also recognizable on the standard over which is superimposed a laurel wreath which is tied at the bottom with a bow. Within the wreath and above the flags are the words **DER TAPFERKEIT** (for bravery)





## Honor Medal (Ehren Medaille)



### Weight:

- Gold Bravery Medal = 8 Ducats (28 grams)
- Silver Bravery Medal = 17 grams

### Size:

- Gold Bravery Medal = 40 mm
- Silver Bravery Medal = 40 mm

**Type of Material:** Gold and Silver

### Variations:

- Type I, As described above
- Type II, As described above except that the obverse does not have the makers name at the bottom

**Designer:** Johann Nepomuk Wirt (Wirth, Wurth)

**Manufacturer:** Vienna Hauptmunzamt (Vienna Mint)

**Number Issued:** For bravery in the war with Turkey in 1791, 74 gold medals and 611 silver medals were awarded

**Case:** Unknown

**Ribbon:** A 40 mm wide dark rose-red and white laddered ribbon with a 21 mm horizontal striped center portion and 4.5 mm red side stripes and 5 mm wide white edge stripes



**Attachments:** None

**Miniature:** None known

